

SAINT HELEN'S PARISH

29th SUNDAY of the YEAR

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

22nd October 2023



“I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME”

THE WORD THIS WEEK:

‘Either/Or’ or ‘Both/And’? The gathering in Rome on ‘synodality’ – walking together the shared road – which conclude this week has been looking at Jesus’ call to catholicity, inclusiveness: How do we listen to each other, acknowledge and express differences, but still walk together towards the kingdom in the light of Christ? God can use a pagan emperor to further his plan. Despite differences, we know we are all made in the image and likeness of God, and called into his one, big-tent, kingdom.

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE: (Psalter: Week 1)

Gathering Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me, hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye, in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Isaiah 45: 1, 4 – 6.

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Response: Psalm 95.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the people.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared among all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

1 Thessalonians 1: 4 – 5.

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope.

Acclamation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord; consecrate us in the truth..
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia!

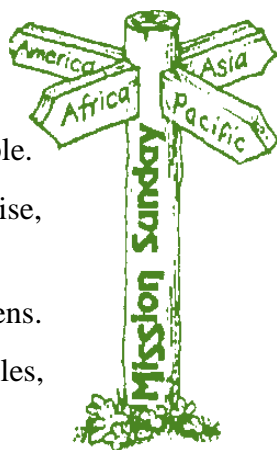
Matthew 22: 15 – 21.

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.

Prayer of the Faithful: R/. Lord, judge the peoples with fairness.

Preface + Eucharistic Prayer: for Reconciliation II. **Acclamation:** We proclaim your death...

Communion Antiphon: The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.



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Today. Tomorrow. Together.

The weekend of September 17th/18th, when Father Duffy appealed for the Xaverian Missions abroad, was meant to be ‘**Home Mission Sunday**’ with a collection for evangelisation here at home. This weekend is meant to be ‘**world Mission Sunday**’, with a collection for foreign Missions: Since we missed the 17/18th, we will split today’s **Retiring Collection** between the two.



MASS AND SERVICES:

Sat 21 st October	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	Celebration of Reconciliation 29th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time ‘World Mission Sunday’ for the People of the Parish
Sun 22 nd October	10.30am 12 Noon 2.00pm	Rita Bell (CP) (with a Children’s Liturgy of the Word) Williams + McCarthy Family (MW) (Bargoed) Baptism of Arabella + Arthur Kear
Mon 23 rd October	9.40am 10.00am	Rosary Dixon Pereira (TT)
Tues 24 th October	9:40am 10:00am	Rosary John Maguire Intention
Wed 25 th October	9:40am 10:00am 2.00 - 4.00pm	Six Welsh Martyrs and their Companions Rosary Mr + Mrs John Miles (TM) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thurs 26 th October	2:45pm	Requiem for Keith Griffiths
Fri 27 th October	9:40am 10:00am	Rosary Maria Harris (G+RF)
Sat 28 th October	5.45 – 6.15pm 6.30pm	SAINT SIMON and SAINT JUDE, Apostles Celebration of Reconciliation 30th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time Alosia Schafll (ML)
Sun 29 th October	10.30am 12 Noon	for the People of the Parish for the People of the Parish (Bargoed)



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm, or at any time by arrangement with the priest.

PARISH PRAYER LIST: In our prayers we are asked to pray for all who are sick, in hospital or at home, the long-term housebound, and those who care for them, including:

Eileen Morris	John Maguire	Wilson Brown	Sandra Bray	Jackie Jones
Mary Gordine	Pauline Richards	Margaret Jones	Carol Morrissey	Frank Price
Anne Morgan	Pat Starynski	Katrin Merry	Albert Carley	Mary Everson
Gwyn + Margaret Bishop		Loraine Cahill	Ann Head	James McGowan
Katherine Partenie	Dafydd Thomas	Vi Zadnic	Vic Owen	Carol Beech
Mike Shaughnessy	Keith Jones	Giovanna Fecci		

THANK YOU to the **4 parishioners** who volunteered to help with the counting the collections. This will greatly help, giving us the possibility of a second team. More would be even better! Meanwhile, a great **THANK YOU** to the original team who have worked faithfully each week since covid, and to our indefatigable Treasurer, Veronica, who has kept us on course over more than a decade, even through the lock down.



And we still don’t have enough volunteers to form two regular teams for **CHURCH CLEANING!** Can we keep our church family home as clean and tidy as our own family home?

“We humans ... are made in the image of that triune God. And while the *imago Dei* in us has many aspects, it’s clear that we are relational beings.... We cannot help but function in community, and when we’re not in community, we suffer consequences. We were made to be together, and that’s by God’s design. Human flourishing requires that we establish, mend, and maintain relationships with other people.

“As ambassadors for the kingdom of God, we need to begin to see others as Christ does—as people in need of the same divine love, mercy, and grace that has been extended to us.”

Leroy Barber, Embrace: God’s Radical Shalom for a Divided World

This Sunday is **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**, a call to us all to contribute to the Church's mission of proclaiming Jesus, the living and lived Word of God throughout the world, in preaching and outreach, action, charity, work for justice, and accompaniment. The Pope has given us the theme: "**Hearts on fire, feet on the move**" (cf. Luke 24:13-35). We here are asked to support the Mission in many parts of the world by prayer and resources: **Today** we will have a **Retiring Collection** for **MISSIO**, the Church's central organiser of Mission work. Meanwhile let us not forget our own call to mission, the necessary '**Home Mission**' here: As well as the structured outreach of Alpha and of the SVP, each and all of us celebrate and live Jesus, the Word of God, each day by our baptismal, sacramental, community and family life and love.



Please pray for **Arabella and Arthur** whose parents are asking us today to help them Baptise and bring up their children in the Sacramental Christ-life of the Church. There will also be a **Children's Liturgy of the Word** in the Hall.



PARENTS PREPARING TO BAPTISE THEIR CHILDREN gather again on Monday, 7.30pm, in the small meeting room. The 3rd session will be 7.30pm on Friday 3rd December, in the church.

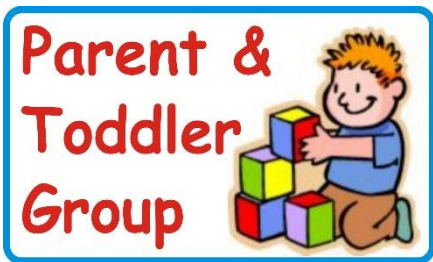


GROWING INTO COMMUNION: The Parents are invited to gather again on Tuesday, to review the parents' 'pull out' section from "I am Preparing for Confession" and to plan how we will use it.

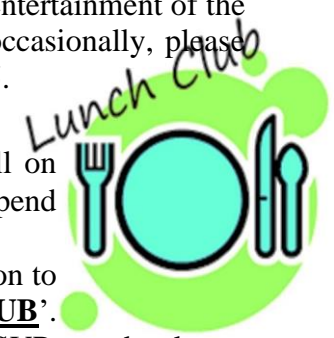
ALPHA CONTINUES this Wednesday, 7pm in the Hall, and every Wednesday till Advent. Last week we looked at and grappled with '**Why and how do I pray?**'. This week we will ask '**Why and how should I read the Bible?**' Come to grow your relationship with God in Christ.



HOOR CHANGE: Next Sunday the clocks fall **back an hour**. Enjoy a Half-Term lie in!



THE PARENTS AND TODDLERS GROUP plan to start a Monday session (9.30 – 11.30) as well as the regular Wednesday sessions. They need help with snacks and tidy-up, and general entertainment of the little ones: If you would like to help, each week or occasionally, please contact Beth on jbethorriss@gmail.com, 07463300645.



The S.V.P. invite you to a **LIGHT LUNCH** for seniors in the parish hall on **Wednesday 1st November** at **12.30**, an opportunity to get out of the house and spend an hour or so with friends and fellow parishioners in the community. There is no charge for the lunch (but if you wish feel free to make a small donation to costs!) The plan is that this will be the first of a monthly '**PARISH LUNCH CLUB**'. Please sign up on the list in the porch. If you are in need of a lift, please let an SVP member know and we will do our best to arrange this.

"It is a mistake to think that, because we have here no lasting city, but seek the city which is to come, we are entitled to evade our earthly responsibilities; this is to forget that because of our faith we are all the more bound to fulfil these responsibilities according to each one's vocation. But it is no less mistaken to think that we may immerse ourselves in earthly activities as if these latter were utterly foreign to religion, and religion were nothing more than the fulfilment of acts of worship and the observance of a few moral obligations. One of the gravest errors of our time is the dichotomy between the faith which many profess and their day-to-day conduct."

Gaudium et Spes (The Church in the Modern World) #43 :: Vatican Council II

SAINT HELEN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE – THIS WEEK:

Date	Time	Event
Sun 22 nd October	10.30am 11.30am	CLoW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) Parish Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up
Mon 23 rd October	4.30pm 7:30pm	'Fame Factory' Parish Parents Preparing for Baptism (s.m.r.)
Tues 24 th October	9:30am – 12:30pm 7:00pm	'Music Appreciation' Parish Parents preparing for Communion
Wed 25 th October	9:30am 7:00pm	'Parents + Toddlers' Alpha, led by the Parish
Thurs 26 th October	12pm – 1pm 1.30pm	'Elder Fit' 'Sweaty Mamas'
Sat 28 th October	9.30 – 11:30am	'Dance'
Sun 29 th October	11.30am	Parish Tea, Coffee, and Catch-up

COLLECTION	7 th /8 th October	
Gift Aid	£	30.30
Gift Aid standing Orders	£	527.00
Other Envelopes	£	47.00
Non Gift-Aided Standing Orders	£	172.00
Loose	£	246.75
TOTAL	£	1,023.05
		Thank you



THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Part 1: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH. Section 2: The Creeds

Chapter One: I Believe in God the Father

Article 1 "I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth"

Paragraph vi. Man

(357) Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. and he is called by grace to a covenant with his Creator, to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his stead.

(358) God created everything for man, (*Cf. Gaudium et Spes 12 # 1; 24 # 3; 39 # 1.*) but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him: What is it that is about to be created, that enjoys such honour? It is man that great and wonderful living creature, more precious in the eyes of God than all other creatures! For him the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the rest of creation exist. God attached so much importance to his salvation that he did not spare his own Son for the sake of man. Nor does he ever cease to work, trying every possible means, until he has raised man up to himself and made him sit at his right hand. (*Saint John Chrysostom, In Gen. sermo 2, 1: PG 54, 587D-588A.*)

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1992

Parish Directory

Safeguarding Officer: cmben@hotmail.com **SVP:** 07704 292 945 **Hall Bookings:** 07533 082601

Bereavement support: 20863450 **Music:** 07971848734. **Piety shop:** post vacant

CAFOD: 07726968374 / 07791318809 **Marriage Care:** appointments@marriagecare.co.uk

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World Mission Sunday

October 22, 2023

“Hearts on fire,
feet on the move.”

(cf. Luke 24:13-35)



2023 THEME:
PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS!

Following God's Will

“WHATEVER THE FATHER DOES,
THE SON ALSO DOES”



Mini-retreat for spiritual renewal 28th October, only on Zoom
Mass; Adoration; Prophecy; Praise; Prayer; Talk by Fr Gareth Leyshon

NATIONAL SVP 1833 YOUNG ADULT'S RETREAT

24TH - 26TH NOVEMBER 2023



Come and join us for a weekend of meeting others who are passionate about making a difference in their local communities. It will be a weekend of prayer and reflection with times of volunteering and action, including a visit to St Vincent's, Ely Bridge.

Place: Hebron Hall Christian Centre
Cross Common Road
Dinas Powys
CF64 4YB

25 minute train/car journey from Cardiff

Cost: £50

To find out more
and to book,
email:

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